

falls to the ground, leaving the boll of cotton, which varies in size from four to eight inches in diameter." (Mead.) As a stuffing for mattresses and pillows this cotton is used in the same way as the "kapok" of the East Indies. For distribution later.

CITRUS AUSTRALIS. (Rutaceae.) 31877. Seeds from Australia. Presented by Mr. James Pink, Wellington Point, near Brisbane, Queensland. "These were got on the range of hills which is the source of the Brisbane River, where in winter they occasionally get 10° to 15° frost in the early morning, but they appear to suffer no harm therefrom." (Pink.) For distribution later.

CLAUCENA LANSIUM. (Rutaceae.) 31730-731. Seeds of the wampee from Canton, China. Received through Mr. C. V. Piper, of this Department. "Both of these varieties were purchased in the market at Canton, where they occur in great abundance at this season (July). The former is an acid variety, the fruit as large as a muscat grape, but tapering to the apex. The latter is sweet, a little smaller and perfectly ellipsoid. Both are greenish yellow in color and normally contain five(?) seeds, but the sour one rarely has more than one seed. The fruit is only of mediocre quality, but the Chinese eat large quantities of it." (Piper.) For distribution later.

COFFEA DEWEVREI. (Rubiaceae.) 31758. Seed of a coffee from Belgian Congo. Presented by the Minister for the Colonies, Brussels, Belgium, at the request of M. Emile de Wildeman, Conservator, Brussels Botanical Gardens. For distribution later.

CORNUS BRETSCHNEIDERI. (Cornaceae.) 31866. Plants of Cornus from Rochester, New York. Presented by Mr. John Dunbar, assistant superintendent of parks. This is a very ornamental shrub from the mountains of western China, especially striking in the winter against a background of evergreens because of its bright lemon-yellow twigs. It has proven thoroughly hardy as far north as Rochester, N. Y. For distribution later.

DICHROSTACHYS NUTANS. (Mimosaceae.) 31899. Seeds from South Africa. Presented by Prof. J. Burt Davy, Government agrostologist and botanist, Pretoria, Natal. "Shrubs or small trees of which the pods are eaten by game and stock, much as is the case with the mesquit of the Southwest. The wood is very hard and durable and is much valued in termite-infested